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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the IC
SUBJECT : USIB Committee Handling of Weapons Systems

1. This memorandum and its attached folder is provided as a supplement to the folder (also attached) which PRD has forwarded, including a proposed memorandum for your signature to Mr. Colby. I suggest this is a matter which you may wish to discuss with the DCI rather than handle by memorandum alone.

2. I have attached to my memorandum a file which you reviewed in late May. At Tab B of my attachment is the General Graham memorandum of 12 April which called for action on a problem which had been simmering ever since the SIC moved to limit its committee actions to matters not related to operational weapons systems. General Graham proposed both retention of GMAIC and creation of a new Weapons Systems Committee to be chaired by DIA.

3. This matter was discussed briefly at Mr. Colby's meeting of 17 June with USIB Committee chairmen. At that time, it was pointed out to the DCI that the Community was badly split on the question of one or two committees. Mr. Colby stated bluntly: "Get it to me and I will make the decision."

4. The following comments hopefully will be of use to you in your discussion with Mr. Colby:

a. The case for a single committee dealing with weapons is very well made by George Carver in his memorandum to you of 22 May. (The top paper in the folder I have attached.)

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b. If the DCI opts for a single committee, as I gather he will do from his preliminary response of 19 May to General Graham, (Tab C of the folder I have attached) the problem then comes down to the chairmanship.

(1) I do not think it would be feasible to try to settle the dispute by designation of a full-time chairman of a single committee and assign him to the IC Staff as has been done in the case of chairmen of SIGINT, IHC and Security. The weapons system problem is a substantive one and requires that the chairman have both broad and deep knowledge of weapons systems and keep up to date. In my view, this can be done only by a chairman who is actively involved in an operating organization which deals with the nuts and bolts of weapons systems.

25X1 (2) [] estimates that chairing the GMAIC requires about one-fifth of his time (one day a week), although he is supported by a full-time GMAIC staff of four (all provided by CIA).

(3) There is a precedent for a military officer as chairman of GMAIC-- [] of the Air Force held this post in 1958-1961, but as I recall it was a full-time position for him. 25X1

(4) The problem is essentially a political one at this stage: Whether to retain a single committee with expanded responsibilities and retain the chairmanship in CIA (since I consider it highly doubtful that the DCI would opt for a single chairman who sat in DIA) or to adopt a two committee arrangement, primarily to accommodate General Graham's case for having one of the committee chairmen from his staff.

5. Once the DCI has made his decision, we can proceed with development of the necessary changes in the DCIDs.

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Attachments: as stated

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